

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] A method includes associating areas of a touch interface of a mobile electronic device with letters ~~such that each area is associated with only one letter and wherein~~ at least some of the associated areas are defined to overlap with one another to form intermediate regions that represent more than one letter. The method also includes detecting a location of a user's touch on the touch interface. For each area of the touch interface which includes the location, the letter associated therewith is identified.

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] A mobile electronic device may include one or more touch interfaces to receive a touch by a user, means for displaying one or more rows of letters, and means for associating areas of the one or more touch interfaces with the letters ~~such that each area is associated with only one letter and wherein~~ at least some of the associated areas are defined to overlap with one another to form intermediate regions that represent more than one letter. The mobile electronic device ~~may also include a microprocessor that is configured to~~ may also include a microprocessor that is configured to identify which letters are associated with areas of the one or more touch interfaces that include a location of the touch. The microprocessor may also execute a predictive text software module to determine which of the identified letters the user intended to select.

Please amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] For at least one particular letter, an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with the particular letter may be completely overlapped jointly by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the left of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region and by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the right of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region, wherein the first and second intermediate regions are adjacent to one another.

Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] For at least one particular letter, an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with the particular letter may be partially overlapped by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the left of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region and by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the right of the particular letter to define a second intermediate region, wherein the first and second intermediate regions are not adjacent to one another.